

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Connie Sanchez et al.

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For: THE USE OF ENANTIOMERIC PURE  
ESCITALOPRAM

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Examiner: Y. S. Chong

**RESPONSE**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Response is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 28, 2007, please consider the following remarks that begin on page 2 of this paper. A Notice of Appeal and the three month extension of time were timely filed on September 28, 2007. This Response, and the accompanying RCE, are filed in lieu of the Appeal Brief which is due November 28, 2007. Accordingly, the present Response and Request for Continued Examination are timely filed.

If any fees are due in addition to those paid with this submission, or if a petition for extension of time is requested for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge them (up to \$5,000) to Deposit Account No. 04-0100, and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.